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Dear Interested Citizen:

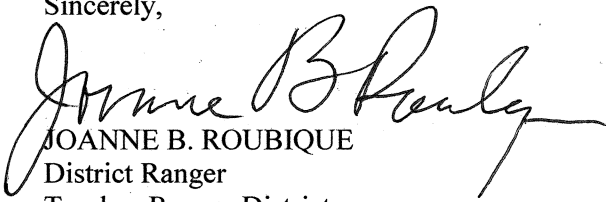
The Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest, Truckee Ranger District is proposing the Dry Creek Project. The project area lies north of the Town of Truckee, east of Highway 89, and is located in the vicinity of the community of Russel Valley. The Dry Creek Project proposes to implement watershed restoration actions at seven locations along tributaries to or along Dry Creek. In addition, ecological restoration actions are proposed on 2,773 acres of forest within the 8,154 acre project area. These actions would be accomplished with a variety of silvicultural and fire/fuels prescriptions. The objectives include: creating heterogeneous forest stand conditions that would be expected to develop under an active fire regime and that would improve forest resiliency; enhancing the ecological role of fire; maintaining and enhancing habitat for the northern goshawk; reducing hazardous fuel loadings and modifying wildland fire behavior; restoring declining aspen stands within unit boundaries, and managing recreation features, utility corridors, and private land boundaries. Planning for the proposed Dry Creek Project has built heavily on the approach developed during the successful collaboration for the Sagehen Project. The Sagehen Project resulted in an integrated, innovative approach for applying the most recent science to enhance wildlife habitat, restore forest ecological conditions, and manage fire and fuels on National Forest System (NFS) lands. Please see the enclosed document for a full description of all the actions, prescriptions, and treatments proposed for the Dry Creek Project.

This project will be subject to 36 CFR 218 *Project-level Predecisional Administrative Review Process* (Parts A and B), whereas individuals and entities who have submitted timely, specific written comments regarding a proposed project or activity during public comment periods may file an objection.

If you have information you feel the Forest Service may not be aware of, or feel you have issues (points of dispute, debate or disagreement) regarding potential effects of the proposed actions, please submit those comments in writing to Kris Boatner, District NEPA Coordinator, USDA Forest Service, Truckee Ranger District, 10811 Stockrest Springs Road, Truckee, CA 96161; telephone (530) 587-3558; FAX (530) 587-6914; e-mail kboatner@fs.fed.us. Scoping is an open process to determine the scope of issues (40 CFR 1501.7). While the scoping process is open during the planning of this project, I would like comments to be received within **14 days** after publication of the public notice in Truckee's *Sierra Sun* newspaper to allow time for issues to be addressed.

To obtain additional information about the Dry Creek Project, please contact Kris Boatner at (530) 587-3558, kboatner@fs.fed.us or Scott Conway at (530) 587-3558, sconway@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,


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